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TO ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS FROM CHARGE

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR

SUBJECT: THIRD-COUNTRY ISSUES

REF: STATE 172095

1. FOLLOWING SHARED IN SUBSTANCE BY AMB HURWITCH BEFORE HIS
DEPARTURE LAST NIGHT FOR PUERTO RICO.

2. DECISION-MAKING IN THIS COUNTRY ON BOTH DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN
POLICY ISSUES IS HIGHLY CENTRALIZED IN PERSON OF PRESIDENT BALAGUER.
PRIMARY ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT AND OF COUNTRY IS CONCENTRATED ON
DOMESTIC PROBLEMS (NOTABLY DROUGHT AND DEPRESSED FOREIGN EXCHANGE
PROSPECTS CAUSED MAINLY BY FALL IN PRICE OF SUGAR). MAJOR DOMINICAN
FOREIGN POLICY INTEREST HAS BEEN AND IS MAINTENANCE OF CLOSE
GODR RELATIONS WITH U.S.. THIRD-COUNTRY ISSUES THEREFORE HAVE
RELATIVELY LITTLE IMPACT ON U.S. INTERESTS IN THIS COUNTRY,
EXCEPT WHEN GODR SENSES THAT IT IS BECOMING ISOLATED FROM LATIN
AMERICAN MAINSTREAM BECAUSE IT IS ALIGNING ITSELF TOO CLOSELY WITH
U.S. OR WHEN SUCH ISSUES INVOLVE RISK OF INCREASED COMMUNIST
INFLUENCE HERE.

3. RE SUBJECTS SPECIFIED IN REFTEL:

(A) AS REPORTED SD 3254, GODR WILLING GO ALONG WITH MOVES TO
LEAVE OAS MEMBERS FREE TO DETERMINE THEIR RELATIONS WITH CUBA BUT
DOES NOT INTEND ITSELF TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH
CASTRO.

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(B) BALAGUER WOULD LIKELY SHOW UNDERSTANDING OF RECIPROCAL MOVES SUCH AS THOSE NOTED REFTEL BUT HE AND OTHER INFLUENTIAL SECTORS WOULD BE DISTURBED BY DEVELOPMENTS LEADING TO SUBSTANTIAL SHIFT OF U.S. SUGAR PURCHASES FROM DR TO CUBA OR GREATER OPPORTUNITY FOR CUBAN SUPPORT OF LEFTIST GROUPS HERE.

(C) GODR WOULD LIKE TO SEE PANAMA CANAL TREATY ISSUE SETTLED SO THAT THIS COULD BE REMOVED AS IRRITANT IN LA RELATIONS WITH U.S. CONVERSELY, IT WOULD BE DISTRESSED AT BREAKDOWN IN TREATY NEGOTIATIONS BECAUSE IT DOES NOT LIKE BEING SUBJECT TO PRESSURES OF ANY CAMPAIGN TO MOBILIZE LA OPINION AGAINST U.S.

(D) OPEC EXCLUSION FROM GSP IN TRA IS ANOTHER ISSUE WHICH PUTS GODR IN UNCOMFORTABLE POSITION BY BRINGING INTO CONFLICT ITS MAJOR CONCERNS OF MAINTAINING GOOD RELATIONS WITH U.S. ON THE ONE HAND, AND OF NOT GETTING OUT OF LINE WITH LA CONSENSUS ON THE OTHER. FOR THIS REASON, WHILE GODR HAS SUFFERED FROM INCREASED PETROLEUM PRICES, IT WOULD, AS IN CASE OF PANAMA CANAL TREATY AND CUBAN ISSUES, BE UNHAPPY SEE ISSUE OF OPEC EXCLUSION FROM GSP CONTINUE AS A FOCUS OF LA-U.S. FRICTION. IN ADDITION, THIS ISSUE HAS IMPLICATIONS FOR GODR RE AFFILIATION WITH OTHER PRODUCERS' ASSOCIATIONS.

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